



Docket No. 1232-4684

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Sadahiko YAMAOKA, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Further to the Final Office Action mailed on November 7, 2005, prior to review on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for two-month extension of time are being filed concurrently herewith.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.